### A Service to Our Citizens

The City of Roanoke's Solid Waste Management Division is pleased to offer free curbside collection of bagged leaves as a service to our citizens. The following guidelines are provided to assist you in receiving the best service.

#### Unlimited paper bags ~

- Residents may place at the curb an unlimited number of bagged leaves in biodegradable paper bags during the four leaf-collection weeks listed in the schedule on the inside of this brochure.
- Paper leaf bags need to be **30-gallon** capacity or greater, and can be purchased at local hardware stores, home centers, and other area retailers.

#### No loose-leaf pickup ~

• Loose-leaf collection is **not** provided by the city. The only loose-leaf alternative is to stage raked leaves near the edge of the street for timely collection by a private contractor. Residents are encouraged to notify the city of their plans for contractor pickup by calling 853-2000, Option 1.

Note: Only bagged leaves in **biodegradable paper bags will be collected**. The city will not collect leaves placed in plastic bags at any time of the year.

Spring Leaf Collection Added ~
Solid Waste Management has added dates for spring leaf collection services in March 2017.
Residents may place at the curb an **unlimited** number of bagged leaves in **biodegradable paper bags** on the designated week.

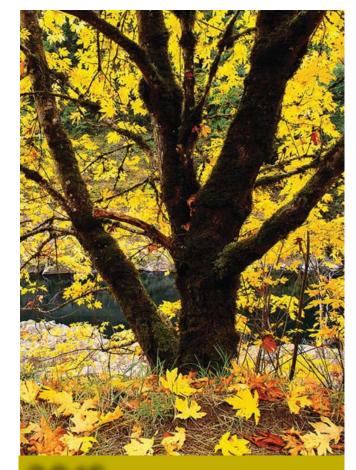
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### 'Green' Alternatives

Solid Waste Management encourages residents to consider **mulch-mowing** and **composting** as alternatives to raking and bagging leaves for disposal.

Residents who choose to use these methods help to reduce the overall quantity of bagged leaves that city crews need to collect.

You also get the benefit of these environmentally (and financially) sound alternatives at home!

Information about mulch-mowing and composting can be found on the city's website at **www.roanokeva.gov/solidwaste**.

# Leaf Collection Schedule

Fall leaf collections will begin the week of Nov. 14. A new spring leaf collection week has been added for the week of March 6, 2017. These are scheduled on your regular trash collection day. Leaf collections will occur on the following weeks:

Nov. 14-17, 2016 Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2016 Dec. 12-15, 2016 March 6-9, 2017

- Bulk and brush collection will continue on leaf collection weeks. If you can pick it up with two hands, put brush in your dark blue (Big Blue) trash can. Otherwise place brush at the curb. The maximum brush pile size for weekly pickup is 6'x6'x6'.
- Remember, bagged or boxed trash is no longer an allowable bulk item.
- Elderly or disabled citizens who need assistance with leaf collection are asked to contact their local church or neighborhood group.

Note: Leaves that naturally accumulate within the public streets are ultimately the city's responsibility to handle through its street-sweeping program.

Monthly street-sweeping schedules are posted at **www.roanokeva.gov/transportation**.

To speak with a customer service representative about leaf collection, please call 853-2000 and select Option 1 during regular business hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## **Holiday Trash Collection**

Thanksgiving Week ~

• Trash, bulk/brush, and B Week Recycling will be collected one day early (except Monday routes, which will be collected as usual).

There will be no solid waste collections on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25 (city holidays).

Christmas & New Year's Weeks ~

• The trash and recycling collection schedule for Christmas and New Year's weeks will be announced at a later date through MyRoanoke, social media, and the city's website, www.roanokeva.gov.

Christmas trees will be collected during the week of Jan. 2, 2017. Residents are asked to hold trees until that time.

## **Report Issues**

Reporting an issue with bagged leaf collection is as simple as pulling out a smartphone in the City of Roanoke.

Using iROANOKE, the city's citizen request management software, you can notify Solid Waste Management staff – complete with comments and photos – as soon as you discover an issue.

Here's how: Go to the app store on your iPhone and download the iROANOKE app for free.